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TITLE: TIE FOR A BALLASTED TRACK

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.322

Attn: Certificate of Corrections Branch

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.322 of the Rules of Practice, which implement 35 U.S.C. 254, approval of the attached Certificate of Correction for the above-identified patent to correct the errors noted below appearing in the issued patent is respectfully requested.

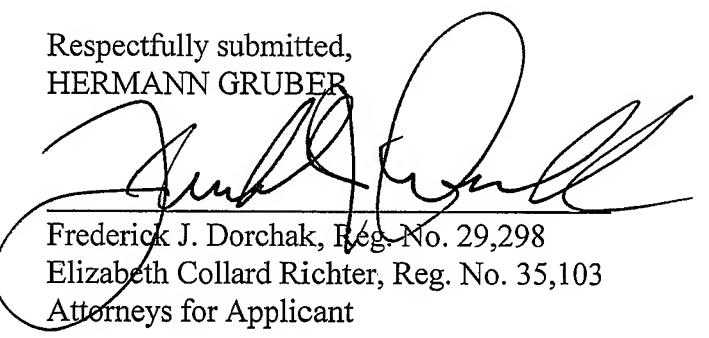
Most recently, in reviewing the above-identified patent, it was discovered that the Patent Office made an error in Claim 5, which should be corrected

In particular, in Column 15, line 15, (Line 1 of Claim 5) after the word "in", please change "claim 1" to correctly read: --claim 4--.

Because the error was the fault of the PTO, as is shown by the attached excerpt from the Amendment dated May 13, 2010, no fee is required for the filing of this Certificate of Correction; however, should any additional fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Accordingly, approval of the attached Certificate of Correction is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Enclosures: Certificate of Correction  
Excerpt from the Amendment dated 5/13/10.

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Claims 15-17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (currently amended): Sleeper The double-cross  
sleeper as claimed in claim  $\pm$  4, wherein a the first longitudinal  
projection contains the first end region;

wherein the second longitudinal projection contains the third  
end region;

wherein the first and third stepped designs comprise a  
respective first and second step, respectively; (47a, 47b) is  
formed by the stepped or recessed end regions (45a, 45b) on the  
longitudinal projections, and

wherein the first and second steps (47a, 47b) each have  
comprise a first shoulder surface (54) and a second shoulder  
surface, respectively; and

wherein the first and second shoulder surfaces are each remote  
from the sleeper first bottom face (2).

Claim 19 (currently amended): Sleeper The double-cross  
sleeper as claimed in claim  $\pm$  18, wherein the first longitudinal  
member further comprises a support surface on the first top face;